



09/06/25

Message from Kate Heaton, Principal

Welcome back to the final few weeks of the academic school year – time certainly is flying by! I must start by recognising how truly exceptional and ambitious our KS4 and 5 students have been as they have tackled their exams - they have done the school and you, as parents, very proud.

Today, I do want to focus particularly on other important elements of an excellent education though and take the opportunity to discuss and celebrate our Education with Character offer. By this, I am referring to the outstanding range of enrichment opportunities available to our students. WHGS is proud to offer twenty-two co-curricular clubs before school and during lunchtimes, alongside twenty-one clubs that take place after school – this is a testament to our commitment to developing the whole child.



While we place high value on academic achievement, we also know that true education goes far beyond the classroom. We believe in nurturing resilience, compassion, creativity, and leadership – qualities that will serve our students well throughout their lives, through our enrichment programme. Students have the chance to take risks in a safe and supportive environment, build new friendships, and discover passions they may never have uncovered otherwise. Whether it is coding, cooking, debating, sport, music, or volunteering, there is something for everyone to explore and enjoy. The breadth of enrichment on offer supports our students to develop into confident, well-rounded individuals who are equipped for the challenges of the future. I look forward to seeing even more students getting involved and making the most of the rich experiences on offer. You can view our full co-curricular timetable later on in the newsletter. Please ensure your child has signed up to at least one enrichment activity this half term.

Finally, as the final half term progresses, there is much to look forward to. From sports days, to music concerts and end of term trips, please encourage your child to give everything a go – in the true spirit of our ambition charter – *be enthusiastic and say “yes” to opportunities, show determination and challenge yourself to step out of your comfort zone.*

A belated Eid Mubarak to you all.

Mrs K Heaton
Principal

End of Year Trips – Year 7-10

As a celebration of our students' hard work, positive attitude, and commitment to success throughout the year, we are pleased to offer end-of-year trips for all students in Years 7 to 10. While the school is able to make a partial contribution towards the cost of these trips, a remaining contribution from parents/carers is required. The details for each year group are as follows:

- Year 7: Altrincham Ice Skating – Thursday 17th July 2025 – £20
- Year 8: Bury Arcade Club – Thursday 10th July 2025 – £20
- Year 9: Blackpool Pleasure Beach – Wednesday 16th July 2025 – £33
- Year 10: Alton Towers – Friday 11th July 2025 – £33

We are pleased to announce an extended deadline for payment by Friday 13 June 2025 to allow more families the opportunity to participate. If you have not yet completed the registration or made payment, please do so via ParentPay before the extended deadline. For any queries or support regarding payments, please contact the school and select the option for the Finance Team.

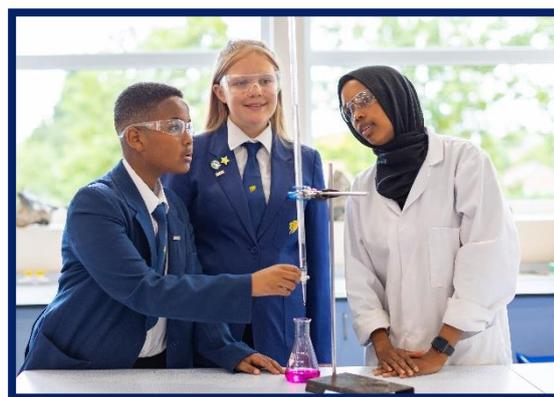
Curriculum Focus

Science

This term has seen a real buzz of activity across the Science department, with students at all stages showing ambition, resilience, and a genuine enthusiasm for the subject. Our Year 11 students have worked incredibly hard in recent months to ensure they are in the strongest position for their GCSE exams, and it has been pleasing to see them begin the examination period with confidence and maturity. We look forward to welcoming many of them onto our A Level Science courses in September, where they will continue to build their knowledge and skills in preparation for pursuing science-related degrees at university.

Our Sixth Form Science provision is thriving, with a growing number of students opting to study Biology, Chemistry and Physics - supported by a team of highly experienced subject specialists who deliver engaging, challenging lessons and personalised academic support. A-Level students are currently benefiting from tailored, last-minute revision sessions, designed to consolidate their learning and prepare them thoroughly for their final exams.

At Key Stage 3, students in Years 7 to 9 have approached their summer assessments with enthusiasm, providing a valuable opportunity to showcase the depth of knowledge they have developed this year. We are particularly excited for Year 9, who will finish the academic year by exploring key concepts in chemistry. They will study atomic structure and begin to understand how the periodic table provides chemists with a structured organisation of the known chemical elements. These topics will lay strong foundations for success as students transition into the GCSE Science programme in September. Across all key stages, students are making excellent progress, and we are proud to see so many aspiring scientists engaging fully with the subject.



Sixth Form Focus

Our Year 13 students have approached the 2025 A-level examination season with rigour and dedication; we are so proud of them. It has been wonderful seeing teachers host revision booster breakfasts with students and offering expertise and final examination tips. As a smaller Sixth Form we really value the strong relationships staff have with students, and we are proud to say that every student is known individually. We wish our Year 13s the best of luck in the rest of their examinations and cannot wait to celebrate the end of A levels with them at their much-anticipated prom.

Our Year 12 students continue to inspire us with their dedication and work ethic. They have begun their summer assessments, which count towards their Higher Education predicted grades, maturely and with dedication; we know that they are capable of great things. Once their assessments are over, we have a trip to Leeds University, UCAS days and Sports Day to look forward to, as well as our annual end of year social. As Year 13 have embarked on their study leave, we are preparing Year 12 for their final year, and they are rising to the challenge of being “The New Year 13.” Keep up the good work!

Finally, some of our classrooms have been getting shiny new subject specific makeovers in our Sixth Form to ensure our students have the very best learning environments.



Personal Development



Student

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Parent

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Peerscroller PSHE App

We would like to remind you about Peerscroller – A PSHE app created and launched by Yipiyap (<https://www.yipiyap.co.uk/>). We have incorporated the app into our form time structure, assemblies and PSHE lesson delivery. Peerscroller is in a Tik Tok style, covering topics such as: Careers and Options, Exams and Revision, Culture and Free Time, Digital and Wellbeing, Health and Wellbeing, Life Skills, Make your voice heard, Money Matters, Relationships, Rights and Responsibilities, School and College Life & Who are you.

As our membership has kindly been sponsored by Entire FS financial planning company (<https://www.entirefs.co.uk/about-us/>), it is totally free of charge for our students, parents, carers and staff to use. Students, parents / carers are able to create their own account to use the app. Student login instructions have been shared via year group teams. To find out more information, please click this link: <https://www.peerscroller.com/> -

To register for your account, once downloaded from App Store or Google Play, please scan the QR code to the left or input the accurate code to be able to set up your account.

Manchester's Got Skills for Life Celebration and Peace Week Showcase

Members of our Smart School Council had an incredible time at the Manchester's Got Skills for Life Celebration! They proudly delivered a presentation showcasing the success of our fundraising initiatives and community projects at WHGS.

It was inspiring to hear from other schools about their amazing initiatives, sharing ideas and celebrating the power of student leadership. They also attended and delivered a presentation at the Peace Week Showcase, marking the 25th anniversary of The Powerhouse. Our students proudly shared their voices and ideas, contributing to this inspiring celebration of peace, inclusion, and unity.



Arabic Lunchtime Drumming

Students and staff have an amazing time taking part in outdoor Arabic drumming – we are proud to offer Arabic drumming to all every Wednesday lunchtime.



Support Our School's Community Hub Project – Vote for Us in Tesco!

We are excited to share that William Hulme's Grammar School is currently fundraising to develop an on-site Community Hub, a dedicated space that will house our School Pantry and offer a range of community activities designed to support our students, families, and the wider local community.

We are proud to announce that our project has been selected for the Tesco Stronger Starts Grant, which means it will be featured in selected Tesco stores as part of their in-store customer voting campaign. Voting will run from the first week of July 2025 through to the end of September 2025.



If you shop at any of the participating Tesco stores listed below during this period, please remember to ask for a blue token at the checkout and cast your vote for our project. Every token counts!

Participating Stores:

- 2376 Didsbury Express – M20 1JQ
- 2440 East Didsbury Superstore – M20 5NP
- 2495 Firwood Manchester Express – M16 7RN
- 2977 Oxford Road Express – M13 9PD
- 5128 Burnage Superstore – M19 1TF
- 5767 Levenshulme Superstore – M19 3NN
- 5908 Whalley Range Express – M16 8FA
- 6610 Didsbury Wilmslow Road Express – M20 6QZ

Thank you for your continued support in helping us strengthen our school and community ties. Let's make this project a reality.

School Show – A Night at the Musicals

The drama and music departments hosted a wonderful evening of songs from musicals in the Performing Arts Centre (PAC), to a very supportive audience of parents, students, friends and staff. The evening began with our Primary Phase Vocalists singing 'When I Grow Up' from Matilda and then dance, drama and musical acts from the Secondary Phase. Highlights included drama extracts from Legally Blonde and Matilda and dance pieces from High School Musical and Chicago. Musical pieces ranged from, 'Beggin' (Jersey Boys), a vocal duet 'Song of Purple Summer' (Spring Awakening) and 'Ain't No Mountain High Enough' (The Motown Musical).

The evening finished with the All-Star Band giving their rendition of the 'Time Warp' and both dancer, actor and full audience participation was encouraged in this wonderful finale piece to complete a lovely evening of entertainment. Well done to all the staff and students involved and thank you for everyone's efforts for making this live event come together.



Enrichment timetables

Before school / Lunch time

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Co-curricular Timetable Summer 2025									
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday					
Before School									
Homework Club <i>(Invite Only)</i> Z1 (Learning Support)	Homework Club <i>(Invite Only)</i> Z1 (Learning Support)	Cuban All Stars All Welcome M2 (Music)	Upper school vocal group Years 10 to 13 M1	Boys Football Year 8 Squad Astro (AKL)					
Lunch time									
Lunch Club <i>(Invite Only)</i> Z1 (Learning support)	Lunch Club <i>(Invite Only)</i> Z1 (Learning support)	Lunch Club <i>(Invite Only)</i> Z1 (Learning support)	Lunch Club <i>(Invite Only)</i> Z1 (Learning support)	Lunch Club <i>(Invite Only)</i> Z1 (Learning support)					
Vocal Group (Week B only) Year 7 to 9 M2 (GJG)	Guitar Group All Welcome M2 (IH/GJG)	DJ Group Years 7 to 11 M1 (AC)	Maths Problem Solving 6 th Form M13 (ATR)	Steel Band All Welcome M2 (GJG)					
Table Tennis All Welcome Activity Studio (GO)	Table Tennis All Welcome Activity Studio (AJR)	Vocal Group (Week A only) Year 7 to 9 M2 (GJG)	MEDSOC (Week B) 6 th Form SLH	Friday Prayers All Welcome Sports Hall					
	Chess Club 6 th Form M6 (CR)	Art Club Year 7 to 9 D30 (SG)							

After school

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Co-curricular Timetable Summer 2025									
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday					
After School – 3.10pm to 4.15pm									
Homework Club <i>(Invite Only)</i> Z1 (Learning Support)	Homework Club <i>(Invite Only)</i> Z1 (Learning Support)	Cuban All Stars All Welcome M2 (Music)	Homework Club <i>(Invite Only)</i> Z1 (Learning Support)	6 th Form Chemistry All 6 th Form (AFL)					
All Stars Cuban Band All Welcome M2 (GJG)	History Club All Welcome (JCS)	Kick Boxing All Welcome Activity Studio (DE)	United Lions <i>(Invite Only)</i> Zen Zone (RD/NDH)						
AXIOM <i>(Invite Only)</i> D27 (NS)	Year 7's AXIOM club <i>(Invite Only)</i> Maths		Rugby Club Years 9 Fields (SN)						
Art & Photography <i>(Year 11 Invite Only)</i> D30 (RD)	Drama Club All Welcome PAC 1 (OCS)		Maths Clubs Years 7 to 9 6 th Form D22 (TG) M13 (ATR)						
Science club Years 7 and 8 S1 (Science Department)	Boys Cricket All Welcome (GO & AJR)		Book Club Years 7 to 9 Z5 (FK)						
Bar Mock Sixth Form (AI)			United Nations 6 th Form M6 (FM)						
			Rounders All Welcome (GO & AJR)						

Key Dates:

Date	Activity / Event	Time(s)
09/06/2025-20/06/2025	Y10 Internal Examinations	Various
13/06/2025	Y12 University of Leeds Visit	All Day
19/06/2025	WOW Factor	3.30pm-5.00pm
23/06/2025-24/06/2025	Y9 DTP / ACWY Immunisations	Two Days
25/06/2025	GCSE / A-Level Contingency Day	All Day
25/06/2025	Summer Concert	6.00pm-7.30pm
01/07/2025	UCAS Preparation Day	All Day
03/07/2025	Y12 Business and Finance Careers Trip	All Day
04/07/2025	INSET Day (School Closed for All Students)	
07/07/2025	UCAS Personal Statement Day	All Day
07/07/2025	Y10 History Trip	All Day
08/07/2025	Y12 Business Studies/Economics Visit	All Day
08/07/2025	Henshaws Visit	12.00pm-2.00pm
09/07/2025-10/07/2025	Y12 HE+ University Visit	Two Days
10/07/2025	Y8 End of Year Trip	All Day
11/07/2025	Y10 End of Year Trip	All Day
13/07/2025-17/07/2025	Y7-Y10 Maths Trip to Paris	Five Days
14/07/2025-18/07/2025	Y12 Work Experience Week	All Week
16/07/2025	Y9 End of Year Trip	All Day
17/07/2025	Y7 End of Year Trip	All Day
17/07/2025	End of Term Rewards Event	1.55pm-3.10pm
18/07/2025	End of Term	2.00pm
21/07/2025-02/09/2025	School Holidays	